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Claim 17 has been amended. Claims 1-3 and 21-22 have been cancelled. Claims 4-16 and 18-20 stand as originally filed.

5 Claims 1-22 were considered in the Office Action. Claims 1-3 and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Earl et al., U.S. Patent 6,954,877 in view of Del Vigna, Jr., U.S. Patent 5,621,885.

Claims 4-16 stand allowed.

10 Independent claim 17 has been amended to include elements found in allowed claim 4. Independent claim 17 and its dependent claims 18-20 are believed allowable at least for the reasons set forth by the Examiner in paragraph 6 of the Office Action mailed July 24, 2006.


15 In view of the above, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued.

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